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SUBJECT: EX-MEMBER COMMUNIST PARTY GIVES REASONS FOR RESIGNING

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1. SUMMARY: GIUDICI SAYS HE LEFT COMMUNIST PARTY (PCA) SO THAT HE COULD REMAIN TRUE COMMUNIST. HE CHARGES PARTY LEADERSHIP WITH EXCESSIVE FORMALISM AND SAYS DEMOCRATIC CENTRALISM HAS DESTROYED INTERNAL PARTY DEMOCRACY. GIUDICI ADVOCATES OPENING TO POPULAR MASSES WITHIN PERONISM BUT WARNS AGAINST TIES WITH PERONIST RIGHT WING. END SUMMARY.

2. ERNESTO GIUDICI, FOR MANY YEARS A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PCA, RESIGNED FROM PARTY IN OCTOBER (SEE BA-8360) AND HAS NOW WRITTEN BOOK (LETTER TO MY COMRADES) EXPLAINING MOTIVES BEHIND RESIGNATION. EXCERPTS FROM BOOK (WHICH IS TO HIT STREETS WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS) AND EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH GIUDICE APPEAR IN DEC 16 EDITION OF LA OPINION. IN THEM GIUDICE DECLARES HE LEFT PARTY IN ORDER TO REMAIN A COMMUNIST. WITHIN PARTY, HE COMPLAINS, THERE IS ONLY RIGHTIST-OPPORTUNIST APPARAT

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REFORMISM THAN COMMUNISM. DEMOCRATIC CENTRALISM HAS LED TO ABSENCE OF DEMOCRACY WITHIN PARTY. GIUDICI EXPLAINS THAT AS GOOD COMMUNIST HE SUPPORTS PRINCIPLE OF DEMOCRATIC CENTRALISM SO LONG AS BOTH ELEMENTS ARE PRESENT. BUT IN PCA, THERE IS ONLY CENTRALISM. DEMOCRACY, IN SENSE INTERNAL PARTY DISCUSSION AND EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, HAS BEEN FORGOTTEN. HENCE, HE REACHED DECISION THAT IN ORDER TO BE HEARD AND TO BE LOYAL TO HIS REVOLUTIONARY PRINCIPLES, HE HAD TO LEAVE PARTY.

3. INTERVIEW AND EXCERPTS FROM BOOK IN PART EXPLAIN SEEMING AMBIVALENCE IN GIUDICI'S ATTITUDE TOWARD PERONISM. HE WAS KNOWN TO HAVE ADVOCATED MORE FORTHCOMING POSITION TOWARD PERONISTS IN MARCH ELECTIONS (AND IN EXCERPTS HE CRITICIZES PARTY LEADERSHIP FOR FAILURE TO UNDERSTAND THAT REVOLUTIONARY MASSES DURING MARCH ELECTIONS WERE CENTERED WITHIN PERONISM), AND IN HIS RESIGNATION STATEMENT HE REITERATED PASSIONATE CONVICTION OF NEED FOR POPULAR ALLIANCE COMPOSED OF PERONISTS, COMMUNISTS AND OTHERS. YET, SHORTLY THEREAFTER, HE CRITICIZED PCA FOR ATTENDING NOV 13 MEETING OF POLITICAL PARTIES (SEE BA-8318). IN STATEMENTS TO LA OPINION YESTERDAY HE CLARIFIED BY DIVIDING PERONISM, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES (INCLUDING PCA), INTO LEFT AND RIGHT WINGS. LEFT WING OF PERONISM WAS COMPOSED OF POPULAR MASSES RIPE FOR REVOLUTION. YET, BECAUSE OF ITS EXCESSIVE FORMALISM AND NON-REVOLUTIONARY APPROACH, IT WAS TO RIGHT-WING PERONIST LEADERSHIP THAT PCA WAS ATTEMPTING TO BUILD BRIDGES. FURTHER, MEETING OF NOV 13 HAD BEEN ATTENDED BY SOME RIGHT-WING GROUPS WITH WHOM PCA NEVER SHOULD PUT ITSELF IN POSITION OF ASSOCIATING. IN SHORT, GIUDICI WARNED, PCA MUST DISTINGUISH BETWEEN POPULAR AND NON-POPULAR ELEMENTS, NO MATTER WHICH PARTY THEY ARE IN.

4. COMMENT: GIUDICI'S VIEWS ON PROPER RELATIONSHIP WITH PERONISM ARE REVEALING. HE SEES CLEARLY THAT PCA UNLIKELY TO GET ANYWHERE UNLESS IT CAN COOPT PERONIST LEFT. YET, BECAUSE OF LEADERSHIP'S UNREVOLUTIONARY, CALCIFIED APPROACH, PCA HAS NO APPEAL TO DISENCHANTED YOUNG PERONISTS.

5. OF WIDER INTEREST ARE GIUDICI'S CONCLUSIONS, AFTER SO MANY YEARS AS MEMBER CC PCA, THAT DEMOCRATIC CENTRALISM HAS LED TO INTERNAL PARTY DICTATORSHIP. FURTHER, HIS DECLARATION THAT HE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAD TO LEAVE PARTY IN ORDER TO REMAIN A COMMUNIST TENDS TO NEGATE VIEW OF PARTY AS REPOSITORY ALL SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND INFALLIBLE VANGUARD OF REVOLUTION.

6. EMBASSY POUCHING GIUDICE INTERVIEW AND EXCERPTS FROM BOOK. BOOK ITSELF WILL BE POUCHED WHEN AVAILABLE. SUGGEST IT MAY MERIT CLOSE EXAMINATION.
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